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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our Regular Correspondent Writes From the National Capitol.

There was another mild sensation in the department of agriculture today by the presentation and prompt acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Geo. T. Moore of the bureau of soils. It appears that Dr. Moore had, while connected with the bureau, published a pamphlet that was printed by the department on the enrichment of soils, recommending the use of certain nitrogenous compounds. The compound, as is the custom in any such cases, was patented in the name of Dr. Moore by the department of agriculture as a protection to the farmers and assuring the freedom of the nitro culture for farm use. At the same time a company known as the Nitro Culture Company, of West Chester, Pa., was formed to manufacture the compound and an offer of a good block of stock in the company and a liberal salary was made to Dr. Moore for his services. Dr. Moore communicated the offer to the department but his resignation was not accepted and a raise of salary was promised him. The matter dragged along without the increase of salary being granted, and Dr. Moore's wife held the stock in the company while Dr. Moore continued to work in the bureau. This state of affairs continued till brought out at a hearing in the department this week. Dr. Moore promptly tendered his resignation to the secretary of agriculture and it was accepted and the whole action made public in a statement issued by the department.

It seems that the affairs of the government printing office are not to rest with the conclusion of the Keep commission which has been investigating the purchase of seventy-two setting machines for use in the department. This commission has concluded its investigation, but the results have not yet been made public. Meantime there is a congressional committee, headed by Senator Platt, of New York, that has been authorized to inquire into the affairs of the office. It is stated that the government's printing bill has increased from three and a half millions in 1898 to \$7,000,000 at present. This increase has been largely in connection with matter that congress thought the government need not be required to print, and the first meeting of the investigating committee is looked forward to with considerable interest. It is probable that the committee will cut off some of the useless expenditure and that a good deal of useless printing will be dispensed with without hurting the efficiency of the largest printing establishment in the world.

The navy department is congratulating itself on the receipt today of a communication from the armored cruiser Pennsylvania that she has just arrived at Tompkinsville, showing that she has broken the record for armored vessels by doing a trial with the regular crew on board at a rate of 22.8 knots. This makes her not only the fastest armored vessel in the navy, but the first time that a vessel in the navy has beaten her builder's trial with a regular crew. The speed of the Pennsylvania on her builder's trial was 22.4 knots.

An interesting communication to the navy department has come from Lieut. Kaiser, in charge of the wireless apparatus on board of the Brooklyn when she brought home Paul Jones' body from France. He states that the Brooklyn's wireless installation sent and received a message while at sea from a distance of 1,100 miles. The message came so strong that it is quite evident that it could

have been received at a considerably greater distance. During the same voyage signals were observed up to a distance of 1,700 miles.

The board of inquiry into the Bennington explosion has been appointed and Commodore Stevens has been ordered south from San Francisco for duty with the board in order that it should be composed of officers of sufficiently advanced rank. The meetings of the board will be held on the Chicago, the flagship of the squadron.

The Missouri School System.

The university is the equal of the best and outranks all other state universities with the possible exceptions of Michigan, California and Wisconsin. It has developed mainly in the past ten years and is still rapidly improving.

Educators in other states are surprised at the number of pupils in our public high schools. The high schools of St. Louis and Kansas City are the best in the country. There are a hundred others in the towns and small cities just as good, though not so large.

There are three hundred smaller high schools which are growing and improving rapidly in equipment, course of study and quality of teaching. These are fast adjusting their work so as to include both literary and industrial features. They are the colleges for the farmers' sons and daughters.

Our city schools are unsurpassed anywhere. Many rural schools in every county and all of them in some counties are excellent; but the weakness of the system is in the ungraded and unarticulated rural schools. It must not be thought that these isolated country schools are not doing much. Judge them by their products. They are developing character and, after all that is the main purpose of the school.

Perhaps that which has contributed most to progress in education in past few years is the perfect harmony and co-operative spirit abounding among teachers and school men of the state. University men, college men, normal men, high school men, superintendents and teachers understand each other and are bound together by strong fraternal feelings. This is why Missouri schools make rapid progress. This is why the sentiment is so unanimous among the people in favor of better salaries, longer terms, better buildings, more libraries and other necessary equipment.

While taking excellent care of all classes of schools, the state does not neglect the negro children and teachers. The best public high schools for negroes in this country is in the large cities of Missouri. Lincoln Institute is a college, normal and industrial institute all in one. It is not surpassed by Tuskegee or Hampton in industrial features, although it is not advertised nearly so much. It is supported by the state and does not have to appeal to the charitably inclined for support. There is no good reason for exploiting its merits. Too many students from other states seek admission now.

As king over the stalwart oak and lofty pine, the fig-tree would have been a dead failure, and as much out of place as some of our politicians are in congress; but for bearing figs the oak and pine are its inferiors. Bearing figs is the grandest thing in the world for a fig tree. It shines in its own sphere; but, stripped of its fig-bearing power, it has no excuse for existence. Sometimes a mother, who reigns a majestic queen in her own household, forsakes her quiet sweetness of home rule for a noisy, rough, public career, for which she has not the slightest qualification. Of course there are no such mothers who are readers of this paper, but we have seen them and so have you.

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Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, ss. In the Probate Court of Linn County, Missouri, May term, A. D. 1905.

In the matter of the estate of George T. Littrell, deceased.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION. Now at this 21st day of July, 1905, comes W. Morehead, administrator de bonis non, of the Estate of Geo. T. Littrell, deceased, and presents to the Court his petition praying for an order for the sale of so much of the Real Estate of the said deceased as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets, accompanied by the accounts lists and inventories required by law in such case, on examination whereof it is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this Court, to be held on the 14th of August, next, an order will be made for the sale of the whole or so much of the Real Estate of the deceased as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts; and it is further ordered that this notice be published in some newspaper in this County for four weeks, before the next term of this Court; and it is further ordered that a certified copy of this order be duly served upon each of the heirs of said deceased, residents of said County and State, at least ten days before the first day of said August Term of this Court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Linn, ss: I, Arthur L. Pratt, Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original Order of Publication therein referred to, as the same appears of record in my office.

Witness my hand as clerk, and the seal of our said court, Done at my office in the City of Linn, Missouri, in said County, this 21st day of July, A. D. 1905.

ARTHUR L. PRATT, Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, ss. In the Circuit Court of Linn County, October Term, 1905.

Edward K. Welsh, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel S. McCallister, C. H. Jones, W. W. Jones, and the Unknown Heirs, Devises and persons claiming by, through and under John Cody, Jr., deceased, Beverly Gunnell, deceased, and Allen Miles, deceased. Defendants.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION. Now at this day comes the Plaintiff herein by his Attorney, C. C. Bigger, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that John Cody, Jr., Beverly Gunnell, and Allen Miles are deceased, and that there are some person or persons to plaintiff unknown, whose names cannot be inserted in his petition, who are interested in the subject matter of this suit and who claim some interest in the real estate in said petition described, adverse to plaintiff's title thereto, as heirs or devisees, or by, through or under John Cody, Jr., deceased, Beverly Gunnell, deceased, and Allen Miles, deceased; that all of said Unknown Persons and the defendants, Samuel McCallister, C. H. Jones and W. W. Jones, are not residents of the State of Missouri;

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri, in vacation, that said Defendants and said Unknown Persons be notified by publication that Plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this Court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a judgment and decree of the Circuit Court of Linn County, Missouri, perfecting plaintiff's legal title to the following described real estate situated in Linn County, Missouri, to-wit: The South West quarter of the South West quarter and of North East quarter of the South West quarter and the North West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. twenty-eight (28) and the South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section No. twenty-nine (29), all in Township No. forty-seven (57) North of Range No. twenty (20) West, containing in all one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less, according to government survey, and that Plaintiff may be adjudged to have, hold and own the fee simple title to all of the above described real estate and that the same has vested in him by limitations under the provisions of the Section of the Revised Statutes of Missouri of 1892, numbered 438, entitled "Limitation in Case of Certain Titles," and to have all the right title and interest of the defendants, Samuel S. McCallister, C. H. Jones and W. W. Jones, and said Unknown Persons, claiming by, through and under said John Cody, Jr., Beverly Gunnell, deceased, and Allen Miles, deceased, in and to said real estate, adverse to plaintiff's title thereto, by, through and under said John Cody, Jr., deceased, Beverly Gunnell, deceased, and Allen Miles, deceased, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Brookfield, in said County, on the 2nd day of October, 1905, next, and on or before the first day of said Term, answer or plead to the Petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in THE LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper published in said county of Linn, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next October Term of this Court.

By EDITH SANDUSKY, Deputy.

A TRUE COPY FROM THE RECORD.

Witness my hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of Linn County, this 20th day of July, 1905.

J. M. BLACK, Circuit Clerk.

By EDITH SANDUSKY, D. C.

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